



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

Tuesday, October 10, 2017, 10:00 A.M.

Willowbank Office Building
420 Holmes Street, Room 146
Bellefonte, PA 16823

I. CALL TO ORDER

The public meeting of the Centre County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 10:00 AM on October 10, 2017 by Chair of the Board Michael Pipe.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

In attendance were Commissioner Michael Pipe, Chair; Commissioner Mark Higgins, Vice-Chair; Commissioner Steven G. Dershem; Administrator, Margaret Gray; Deputy Administrator, Natalie Corman; and Executive Secretary, Natalie Bird.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Representatives from the news media included Emma Gosalvez, Gary Sinderson, Jeremy Hartley, and Sean Yoder.

County Personnel present included Mike Bloom, Robert Sweitzer, Faith Ryan, Lee Sheaffer, and Bryan Sampsel

Visitors present included K. Farwell, Dawn McKee, Lindsay Faussette, Joel Myers, and George Haynes.

CNET staff were present.

IV. MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board unanimously approved the minutes from the Board of Commissioners' meeting held Tuesday, October 3, 2017.

V. PRESENTATION

The Board welcomed Bob Sweitzer, Conservation District Director to provide an overview of the completed Emergency Watershed Protection projects. Commissioner Pipe congratulated Bob, who was recently awarded the Northeast Association of Conservation District Employees 2017 Employee Conservation Award.

In October 2016 a storm impacted various areas in Centre County that caused flash flooding and resulted in damage to over 400 homes and businesses. A Federal Disaster Declaration for public assistance opened federal funding in December and the Board of Commissioners along with the Conservation District requested federal

aid. After evaluating more than 30 potential sites affected by the flooding, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) confirmed that three sites involving ten landowners were eligible for funding. Through the Emergency Watershed Protection Program USDA-NRCS was able to provide 75% of the project funding and PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) provided the required 25% funding match. The county entered into grant agreements and were awarded \$187,800 in funding. Steven Krieger Excavating of Saxton, PA was awarded the bid for all three projects. Work commenced on the three project sites in mid-July 2017 and the final inspections were completed on August 4, 2017.

VI. ACTION ITEM(S)

- A. Commissioner Higgins reported that the check of the week was to West Penn Power in the amount of \$17,424.36. Following a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board unanimously approved the check run in the amount of \$470,268.20 dated October 6, 2017.
- B. Proclamation No. 35 of 2017 – Dawn McKee and Lindsay Faussette of the Centre County Women's Resource Center joined the Board to talk about what they are doing in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. This year they are debuting a new traveling exhibit "Empty Place at the Table" throughout the month to be displayed at the Centre County YMCA's. Each place setting at the table describes a case of domestic violence and things we can do as a community relating to each situation. To learn more about domestic violence, things you can do, and ways to help visit the CCWRC website and social media pages. Following a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board unanimously approved proclaiming the month of October 2017 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" in Centre County.
- C. District Attorney – Dawn McKee requested that the Board reviews a pass-through agreement with the Borough of State College for a sub grant of the STOP Violence Against Women Act funds. The Borough will receive \$41,250 of STOP Grant funding for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. This will fund a portion of Detective Weaver's salary. Following a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to move this item to next week's Consent Agenda – Dept. 221.
- D. Liquid Fuels – Margaret Gray requested that the Board approve payment in the amount of \$9,584 to Spring Township for Project #17-14221-01 for the paving of Black Hawk Road. Following a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to move this item to next week's Consent Agenda – Dept. 411.

- E. Adult Services – Faith Ryan requested that the Board considers submission of the 2017 Pennsylvania Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement (PHARE) grant fund application in support of a Centre County Rental Assistance Program serving low-income households residing in municipalities impacted by Marcellus shale. The grant total is \$65,000 with the source of funding as follows: State \$22,000, County \$30,000 (Act 137 funds), and State HSBG match \$13,000 for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. Following a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to move this item to next week's Consent Agenda – Dept. 501.
- F. MH/ID – Natalie Corman requested that the Board reviews a contract renewal with Skills Inc. to provide mental health services including family based vocational rehabilitation, psychiatric rehab, and community employment; intellectual disability services including supported employment, community based services, and companion services. The contract total is \$363,500 which is funded as follows: State \$346,743 and County \$16,757 for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. Following a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to move this item to next week's Consent Agenda – Dept. 561.
- G. Facilities Management – Lee Sheaffer requested that the Board reviews the following items:
 - i. A contract renewal with Rich's Amoco to provide snow removal. The contract total is \$5,500 for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 – Dept. 161.
 - ii. A contract renewal with Swartz Fire and Safety to provide upkeep and inspections of fire extinguishers and suppression system at the correctional facility. The contract total is \$1,500 for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 – Dept. 33.
 - iii. A contract renewal with Swartz Fire and Safety for the upkeep and inspections of the fire extinguishers at the Willowbank Offices, Courthouse, Sheriff's office and Magisterial District Justice – Centre Hall. The contract total is \$2,105 for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 – Dept. 161.

Following a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to move items i-iii to next week's Consent Agenda

- H. Planning – Mike Bloom requested that the Board considers allocating Act 13 “At Risk Local Bridge Funding” to the following bridge projects:
- i. T-419 Lower Georges Valley Road bridge in Gregg Township to cover the required 5% local share (up to \$87,500) of this project on the Centre County MPO Transportation Improvement Plan. The project is currently in the preliminary engineering state and has an expected let date of 2021 – Dept. 151.
 - ii. T-325 Gorton Road bridge in Snow Show Township in the amount of \$100,000 to cover approximately 25% of the cost of this project being advance by the township. The total cost of this project is \$400,000 and the municipality would fund the remaining \$300,000. This project will require placement of a temporary stream crossing to maintain access to the area. The township is anticipating to let this project in 2018 – Dept. 151.

Commissioner Higgins made a motion to consider allocating 5% of the local share for the T-419 Lower Georges Valley Road bridge not to exceed \$87,500 and consider allocating 25% of the funding for the T-325 Gorton Road bridge not to exceed \$100,000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dershem and the Board voted unanimously to move items i-ii to next week's Consent Agenda

- I. Probation – Margaret Gray requested that the Board approves a grant award from the Juvenile Court Judges Commission in the amount of \$104,043 for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. Following a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board unanimously approved this item – Dept. 301.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

Following a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board unanimously approved Consent Agenda items A-D.

- A. Domestic Relations – Request that the Board approves a time stamp maintenance agreement with Widmer Time Recorder Company. The contract total is \$270.00 with the source of funding as follows: Federal \$178.20 and County \$91.80 for the period of August 26, 2017 through August 25, 2018 – Dept. 281.
- B. Planning – Request that the Board approves a modification to the Federal Fiscal Year 2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application on behalf of Bellefonte Borough. The proposal is to reallocate \$82,740 in the Borough's entitlement of CDBG funds from fire sprinklers in historic properties to Talleyrand Park safety improvements – Dept. 817.

- C. Adult Services – Request that the Board approves the following items:
- i. Sign as Local Lead Agency on a Memorandum of Understanding regarding Section 811 Housing with Community Resources for Independence for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2022 – Dept. 501.
 - ii. A contract with Housing Transitions to provide Rapid Re-Housing. This program offers rental/security deposit assistance and case management services to homeless individuals/families with the goal of helping them quickly exit homelessness and return to permanent housing. The contract total is \$235,120 which is funded as follows: Federal \$187,896 and County \$47,224 for the period of October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018 – Dept. 501.
- D. MH/ID/EI – Request that the Board approves the following items:
- i. Addendum No. 2 with Strawberry Fields, Inc. to allow for funds to reimburse the Service Provider for the provision of early intervention services once additional grant funding is received from the state in the amount of \$40,000. This increases the contract maximum from \$410,000 to \$450,000 with the source of funding is as follows: State \$405,000 and County \$45,000 for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 – Dept. 561.
 - ii. A letter of agreement with CARES of Central PA, Inc. to provide intellectual disability services including community participation services. The contract total is \$10,000 with the source of funding as follows: State \$9,539 and County \$461 for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 – Dept. 561.
 - iii. A contract renewal with Roxbury Treatment Center to provide drug and alcohol services including non-hospital detoxification, non-hospital inpatient rehabilitation, and non-hospital inpatient rehabilitation co-occurring. The contract total is \$5,000 which is State funded for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 – Dept. 562.
 - iv. A contract renewal with White Deer Run, Inc. to provide drug and alcohol services including detoxification and inpatient treatment for adult and adolescent clients diagnosed with addiction, halfway house services, and drug and alcohol partial hospitalization services to adult men and women. The contract total is \$160,000 which is funded as follows: Federal \$24,000 and State \$136,000 for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 – Dept. 562.

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

IX. RECOGNITIONS

X. C-NET REQUESTS

XI. REPORTS – ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Commissioner Dershem reported there are 107,653 registered voters in Centre County. The featured precinct this week is Patton Township North #2 precinct #65 with 1,180 registered voters. In the Municipal Primary, they had 538 ballots cast with a 28.62% voter turnout.

B. Announcements

XII. There were no executive sessions to report.

XIII. PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE

Thursday, October 12, 2017

Prison Board of Inspectors – 8:00 AM – Centre County Correctional Facility

BOC/Salary Board – 10:00 AM – Room 146WB AS NEEDED

Tuesday, October 17, 2017

BOC Meeting – 10:00 AM – Room 146WB

Employee Benefits Trust – 11:00 AM – Room 146WB

Thursday, October 19, 2017

BOC/Salary Board – 10:00 AM – Room 146WB AS NEEDED

Retirement Board – 11:00 AM – Room 146WB

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

BOC Meeting – 10:00 AM – Room 146WB

Thursday, October 26, 2017

Finance Committee – 9:00 AM – Room 146WB

BOC/Salary Board – 10:00 AM – Room 146WB AS NEEDED

Retirement Board – 11:00 AM – Room 146WB

XIV. ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, October 10, 2017

Last day to REGISTER before the November election.

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot.

Friday, November 3, 2017

Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted civilian absentee ballots.

Tuesday, November 7, 2017
MUNICIPAL ELECTION

XV. QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS

- XVI. Following a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:46 AM.

ATTEST:

Margaret N. Gray
Administrator